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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office action, mailed **September 18, 2008** and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.